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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 56-94.

Please add the following claims:

495. A method for forming a paper web that contains a first layer formed primarily from hardwood fibers, said method comprising:

treating said hardwood fibers with a first hydrolytic enzyme to hydrolyze said hardwood fibers and form aldehyde groups predominantly on the surface thereof, wherein the dosage of said first hydrolytic enzyme is from about 0.1 to about 10 s.e.u.